

# Postsecondary Learning

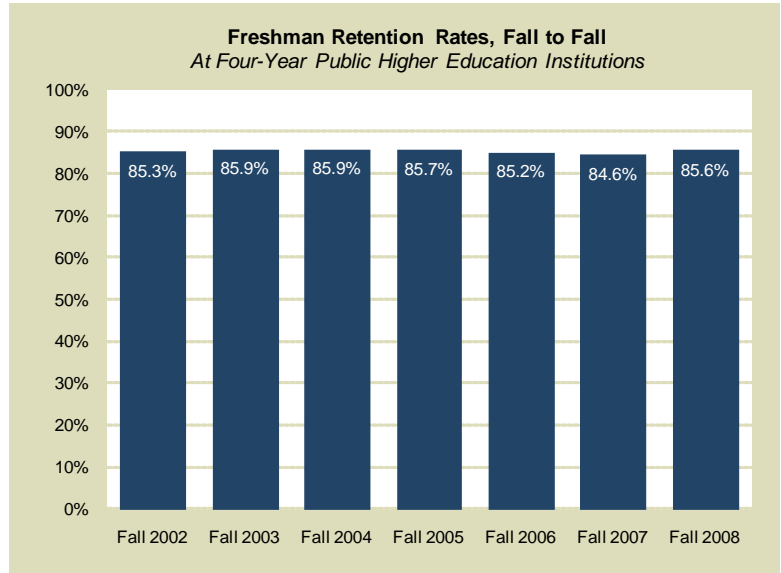
## Indicator 1: Increase System Efficiency and Student Persistence

### Measure a: Freshman Retention Rates, Fall to Fall at Four-Year Public Higher Education Institutions

#### Description:

Retention is an important barometer of steady progress towards a college degree.

This indicator measures freshman retention within the Washington public four-year higher education system as a whole. Among students entering a public four-year institution, what percentage were still enrolled at a Washington public baccalaureate institution one year later?



Freshman Retention Rates, Fall to Fall <i>At Four-Year Public Higher Education Institutions</i>	
	Entering from High School
Fall 2002	85.3%
Fall 2003	85.9%
Fall 2004	85.9%
Fall 2005	85.7%
Fall 2006	85.2%
Fall 2007	84.6%
Fall 2008	85.6%

#### Sources:

Office of Financial Management, Public Centralized Higher Education Enrollment System  
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